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Pearson on the UAR

Drew Pearson has lost sight of real American interests in the Arab world. Take his article of Sept. 23, "CIA, State Dept. Fuss over Nasser" for example.

President Nasser and his fellow revolutionists were trying to get rid of Farouk before the CIA came into existence; and if Nasser is to go, this will be done by his people and not through the CIA. Anyhow, Nasser is the best ruler the U.A.R. has had in many centuries.

The Egyptian-Russian Arms deal was, simply, a reaction to one-sided Western pro-Zionist policies at the time, like those advocated by Mr. Pearson.

Nasser is not a stooge to any quarter, and the same with most of the African leaders, with whom he is on excellent terms. In the second half of the 20th century, at the time of rising expectations of the masses and this deadly conflict between democracy and communism, a policy of stooges and gunboat diplomacy, like the one Drew Pearson advocates, is unrealistic and un-American.

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